



Fishin' Tales

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April Meeting

- When:**
Tuesday, April 24, 2012
7:30pm
- Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NorthWest corner
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured :**
Prof. Guy Meadows - U. of M on
Currents in Lake Michigan
- Other Happenings:**
Boat Trolling info., River, Surf &
Pier Tournament info., Fishing
Reports, Tackle Raffles , 75-25
and Every Member drawings.
- Up-To-Date Information on
the DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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April Featured Speaker ... Prof. Guy Meadows, U of M

Appointments:
Professor, Naval Architecture &
Marine Engineering

Expertise:
Found a correlation between El
Nino years and elevated storm
wave energies in the Great Lakes.

Observational physical oceanographic research

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Professor Meadows was responsible for the placement of the research buoy that was placed in Lake Michigan off Ludington in the Spring of 2011. This research buoy measures wind speed, gusts and directions; air & water surface temperature; barometric pressure; solar radiation; wave height, period and direction; water temp. at 8 locations in the water column & the current profile throughout the column.

He will be speaking on the currents in Lake Michigan and how they impact the Sportfishing.

Already Time For The 1st Boat Trolling Tournament?

It's hard to believe but its tournament time, I hope you have been sharpening those dull hooks and polishing your dingy spoons. Now's the time we have all been waiting for, it doesn't seem like 7 months have passed since we have had that competitive edge amongst us. This year should be very interesting on the big water do to the fact that we didn't have much of a winter. If you remember last year we had a very long , cold winter and the lake really never warmed up till almost mid-June. Now we have just the opposite, a short winter with an early warm up. I'm not sure what to make of it other than get the boat in the pond and give it a go!

St. Joe should give up a wide assortment of fishing opportunity this time of year, we could get great pier fishing or a fantastic off

shore bite. For pier fishing a good tactic for Kings at St. Joe is to watch the wind direction and then work the color line where the river and lake water meet. This is where the Kings will ambush schools of baitfish that seek out warmer water and use the dirty water as cover from predators. Fishing should be good from 20 FOW to 50 FOW, all the way from the pier to Cook power plant some 7 miles south, and the Cook has its own warm water discharge that can be a great spot for a mixed bag of Kings, Coho, Lakers and Steelhead.

Proven trolling patterns consist of inline boards, divers and riggers set at different depths to cover the water column until the fish start telling you what technique they prefer. As far as lures, riggers



Jim Zanke with his Big Fish from last year's St. Joe Tournament

See St. JOE on Pg. 2

Membership News

Renewed Memberships

JEFF BUSTOS

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GIL PIESCZAK

GARY ROWOLDT

DARRELL SMITH

ALLAN VAN BROCKLIN

DWAYNE WELDER

Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired

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DAN CHISHOLM

JUSTIN HERBERT

DENNIS HOLOWAY

GALEN HULL

BOB JONES

MICHAEL LOLLI

TOM MOORES

RONALD NIEMASZ

WALTER ROMANIUK

St. Joe Cont'd from Pg. 1

and divers should get a spread of MAG sized spoons in SOG Frog, Purple Smurf, Blue Dolphin and Hot Lobster for big Kings. Inline boards should get a spread of Orange spoons, red Thin Fins, Mixed Veggies and any of your favorite spoons to cover for Coho, Steelhead and Laker 3 and 5 colors set for coho and steelhead , with 5, 7, and 10 colors loaded for Kings and Lakers. This same spread should hold up for the off shore bite as well, just head west until you find bait or start hitting fish, then just repeat your direction of troll that you hit fish at and hone in on your school of fish. Plugs do get a work out this time of year with Chrome Red Head, Glows and Pearl patterns working well.

Skippers meeting will be at 5 am. at West Basin Marina, with fishing to start at 6 am, Fish calls will be at 9 am and noon and stop fishing at 2pm. For those new to the St. Joe tournament, the boat launch is on the Benton Harbor side of the St. Joe river..... just keep in mind to hug the north side of the river, this is where the deepest channel of water is until you get down to the road bridge at that point its fairly deep all the way out to the lake. One other place to watch out for is the railroad bridge, where a lot of logs seem to

stack up from the spring runoff. Last year, there were a bunch of large logs floating in the open lake, so be careful.

There are a few good hotels close to West Basin Marina: Silver Beach Hotel - 269-983-7341, Boulevard Inn - 269-983-6600 or Comfort Suites - 269-925-8800. For more information, see the Tournament Info sheet and the St. Joe Port Handout on line at www.detroitsteelheaders.com or get a copy at the April meeting.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE AND LETS MAKE THIS YEAR ONE OF THE BEST LEARNING YEARS FOR ALL DAS CREWS. UNTIL THEN START SHARPENING THOSE HOOKS, IT'S GAME TIME!

Blaise Pewinski
'Sea Hag'
Port Captain



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Membership Application

☐ New Member - \$25 Yearly☐ Renewal - \$25 Yearly☐ Lifetime - \$150☐ Senior (65 & over)- \$10 Yearly☐ Address Change only

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Save the Date Notice!

DAS Special People Outing is back in 2012.

What: Special People Outing

When: Saturday June 9, 2012

Where: Toledo Beach Marina

Boat solicitations will begin in March.

Captains who donate their time and boat on June 9 will receive:

Free launch

Free dockage for the weekend

Please consider participating in this rewarding event. We will be taking approximately 40 "special" challenged adults and children out fishing for the morning with lunch and awards to follow. The participants are thrilled with this event and many look forward to it all year! Much help is needed and we ask that you consider donating to making it another unforgettable event. Donations of time, help, goodies for bags, food or drinks are very much appreciated. Boats are needed to take the fisherman out. Toledo Beach Marina is a wonderful facility and any captain participating in this event will receive free launch and weekend dockage for donating their time. Help is needed on the ground or as a crewmember to help the captains. No donation is too small be it a case of drinking water, a case of soda, hot dogs, pens, pads, key chains, bandanas or anything to place in a goodie bag for the fisherman to take home. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Mary Karakas at mkarakas@aol.com, Linda Banbury at lbانبوري@hotmail.com or DAS board director Dan Chisholm. Thanks so much for your consideration and see you at the next membership meeting!

2012 Boat Trolling Tournaments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Port Captain</u>
May 5 Regular One Day	St. Joseph	Blaise Pewinski
May 19-20 Two Day	Grand Haven	Bob Feisel
June 23 One Day - 333	Olcott, NY	Bob Ksionzek
July 14 One Day plus Fish Off vs. Metro West Steelheaders	Erieau, ONT	Carl Ventimiglia
August 4 Ladies Day	Ludington	Joe Von Grabe
August 11 One Day - 333	Ludington II	Tom Gorguze
August 25 One Day - 333	Manistee	Bob Paradise
September 8 Regular One Day	Frankfort	Jody Robinson

River, Surf & Pier Tournaments!

-April 14th: Manistee II, focusing on pier fishing for brown trout/late steelhead at the Manistee pier.

For more info, call or e-mail Anthony Lewis at 517-449-3036

Clinton River Outing

The river fishing crew of the Detroit Area Steelheaders enjoyed a great time on the Clinton River! We had 7 guys attend the March 17th outing. We fished from 6:30am to 2:00pm. Unfortunately, warm conditions led to a distinct lack of fish and fish sighting on the river. Nobody even caught a fish. In fact, we did not even see a fish caught in the area we fished. We did enjoy each others company though and some of the guys learned new and more efficient techniques from each other. Our consolation prize was that Don Mikros grilled us a great shore lunch. Thanks Don!

Anthony Lewis
River, Surf, and Pier

DAS Outfishes Metro-West Again!

The Almost Paradise river and pier team once again put the Detroit Steelheaders on the board in the fish-off against the Metro-West Steelheaders. The Almost Paradise team consisted of Gaspere Aragona, Tom Theida, Ed Horen and Bob Paradise. Anthony Lewis also fished with the team. The team started fishing around 5 am Sat. with hopes of limiting out early on steelhead trout. The day started out slow, but when the sun came up that quickly changed. Everybody limited out except Anthony - (1), Tom - (0).

There were 12 Detroit Steelheaders at the weigh-in at the Farm with no one else from the club bringing any fish to the table. The Metro-West Steelheaders had 4 fish; 3 steelhead and 1 really nice brown trout. I was glad that the weather turned out great and that everyone that showed up had a great time.

Bob Paradise

The Clinton River Outing & Manistee River Fish-Off



All Photos Courtesy of Don Mikros

Are the Big Salmon Back in Lake Michigan to Stay?

Word around the west side of the state last summer was that big salmon were back. Now that the Department of Natural Resources' annual report on fish entered in the Master Angler Program has been completed, we know the stories were more than just fish tales.

Anglers submitted 33 Chinook salmon that were awarded Master Angler status in 2011, compared to three in 2010. It was similar for Coho salmon; the DNR recognized 13 Master Angler Coho salmon caught in 2011, compared to just one in 2010.

The Master Angler Program recognizes anglers who catch fish that exceed certain size standards. When the program was created in 1973, Master Angler fish were judged solely on weight. As catch-and-release fishing caught on with the angling public, however, the DNR began offering Master Angler status to fish based on length, too. The catch-and-release category now recognizes significantly more anglers and fish each year than the traditional catch-and-keep category.

The heaviest Chinook salmon entered in the program in 2011 was a 37.06-pound behemoth caught by Richard Schulte on Aug. 23. Schulte's Chinook was one of five kings in the catch-and-keep category that bested 30 pounds. (Chinook salmon must weigh 27 pounds for Master Angler status.)

In the catch-and-release category, Craig Morton of Westlake, LA., submitted a fish that measured 43.13 inches (just a hair longer than Schulte's 43-incher). Morton took his fish Sept. 30 while fly fishing on the Manistee River.

Interestingly enough, all five fish in the catch-and-release category were caught in rivers — two in the Manistee, two in the Pere Marquette and one in the Muskegon. In the keep category, only two came from rivers (both from the Manistee), though one was also caught inland, in Pere Marquette Lake.

As for Coho, the largest fish kept — a 14.06-pounder taken on a spoon in Lake Michigan — was caught by Matthew Kemmerer of St. Louis, MO. Only one of the 12 in the category was taken inland, a 12.94-pound specimen taken in Manistee Lake.

The only Master Angler Coho in the catch-and-release category was a 32.38-inch fish taken by Shirley Brock of Canton in the Pere Marquette River.

2012 Lake Huron Regional Fisheries Workshops

You are invited to join and participate this spring in the upcoming 2012 Lake Huron Regional Fisheries Workshops offering current research and information related to the status of our Lake Huron fishery.

The Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University Extension, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division, the USGS Great Lakes Science Center and local fishery organizations will host three regional workshops locally along Lake Huron's coastline. Topics will include updates on Lake Huron fish populations and angler catch data, resurgence of native species such as Lake Huron walleye, forage fish surveys and results from the ongoing Lake Huron predator diet study, updates of fisheries management activities, among other Lake Huron related topics of local interest.

Three evening workshops, hosted across the state, are open to the public and will offer valuable information for anglers, charter captains, resource professionals and other community members interested in the Lake Huron fishery. Workshops are open to the public at no cost; however, pre-registration is requested. Workshop dates and locations include:

Cedarville

April 23, 2012 (6–9 p.m.)
Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club
M-134, Cedarville, MI 49719

Alpena

April 24, 2012 (6–9 p.m.)
NOAA Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center
500 W. Fletcher St., Alpena, MI 49707

Port Huron

May 9, 2012 (6–9 p.m.)
Charles A. Hammond American Legion Hall
1026 Sixth Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

To register for any of these no-cost workshops, contact Cindy Anderson, Michigan Sea Grant/MSU Extension Iosco County Office by email: ande1172@msu.edu or by phone (989) 984-1060. Workshop details are attached and also available online at www.miseagrant.umich.edu/fisheries.

Upcoming 2012 DAS Key Dates

April 24, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
May 5, 2012 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament St. Joseph
May 15, 2012 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
May 19-20, 2012 6:00am - 2:00pm Sat. 6:00am - 12:00pm Sun	Boat Trolling Tournament Grand Haven
May 29, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center Boat Rig Demo - Swap Tables

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